



**SAFE**  
LONG BEACH



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VIOLENCE PREVENTION PLAN

CITY OF  
**LONG BEACH**



# WHAT IS SAFE LONG BEACH?

A comprehensive strategic plan for action to prevent violence in families, schools, and communities.



**VISION:** Long Beach residents live in safe families and communities, attend safe schools, and are contributing citizens connected to their community.

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES** In May 2014, the Long Beach City Council adopted the *Safe Long Beach* Violence Prevention Plan (*Safe Long Beach*), to address a broad safety agenda aimed at reducing all forms of violence, including domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, hate crimes, bullying, gang violence and violent crime. *Safe Long Beach* forges relationships across disciplines to implement a comprehensive strategic plan for action by incorporating the following guiding principles to prevent violence in families, schools, and communities.

**BALANCE** Balance personal accountability with mutual assistance—neighbor to neighbor, parent to child, government to resident, youth to community, community or faith-based organization to member.

**COLLECTIVE ACTION** Work toward a common goal using the group's resources, knowledge, and efforts.

**EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT** Increase coordination and collaboration by forging new partnerships and aligning resources.

**EXPAND WHAT WORKS** Identify and expand strategies by seeking additional resources.

**INCLUSION** Increase resident and neighborhood engagement and build positive connections on all levels.

**LEADERSHIP** Engage leadership and champions from the public, private, nonprofit, faith, and community.

**MAXIMIZE OPPORTUNITIES** Maximize City engagement with neighboring regional jurisdictions.

**RESULTS-ORIENTED** Commit to common results and indicators for a City as a whole and develop a method to track progress.



# SAFE LONG BEACH OVERARCHING GOAL

Target violence at its root and build a safer Long Beach by 2020.



## SAFE FAMILIES, SCHOOLS, AND COMMUNITIES GOALS

With the understanding that violence can occur across the life span and in varying contexts, *Safe Long Beach* has been strategically designed to improve safety in the home, schools, and the community. Rather than accepting that violence exists, *Safe Long Beach* draws upon the City's many existing assets to target violence at its root and build a safer Long Beach by 2020.

### FAMILY GOALS:

- Increase access to violence prevention services.
- Reduce family violence—child abuse, domestic violence, and elder abuse.

### SCHOOL GOALS:

- Increase the high school graduation rate.
- Increase safety in and around schools.

### COMMUNITY GOALS:

- Increase community resident safety.
- Decrease the unemployment rate.
- Reduce Part 1 Crimes.



## BOLD INDICATORS

- Decrease aggravated assaults.
- Decrease domestic violence cases.
- Decrease elder abuse cases.
- Decrease homicides.
- Decrease rapes.
- Decrease shootings.
- Decrease the number of abused and neglected children.
- Decrease the number of incarcerated youth.
- Decrease the unemployment rate.
- Decrease violent crime.
- Increase community perception of resident safety.



# WHO DOES SAFE LONG BEACH INV

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Safe Long Beach  
(U.S. DOJ National Forum on  
Youth Violence Prevention)

Human Relations  
Commission

Coordination Team

Safe Families

Safe Schools

Safe Communities



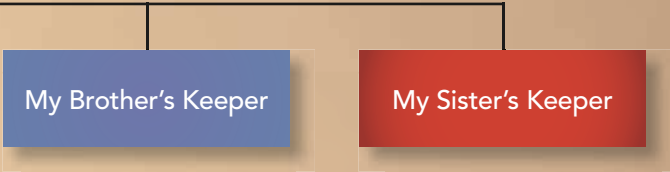
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## COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS

*Safe Long Beach* is a living plan owned by all stakeholders and, as times change, the Plan is updated to reflect that change. Rooted in the framework of collective action, multi-sector collaboration including resources, knowledge, and actions are combined and focused to help achieve the shared goal of violence reduction and increased safety.

As part of achieving the goals of *Safe Long Beach*, the City has implemented several initiatives aimed at reducing violence, increasing awareness, and providing resources and assistance. These efforts include *Safe Families*, *Safe Schools*, *Safe Communities*, *My Brother's Keeper*, *My Sister's Keeper*, and the *Human Relations Commission*.



## COORDINATION TEAM

The *Safe Long Beach* Coordination Team serves in an advisory role to provide oversight, policy guidance, and accountability. The Team consists of top leaders of public agencies, educational institutions, City staff, and local hospitals. As *Safe Long Beach* is executed, the Team will continuously work to incorporate feedback and recommendations to strengthen the Plan.

## SAFE FAMILIES, SAFE SCHOOLS, SAFE COMMUNITIES

Understanding the importance of extending a helping hand to Long Beach families, the *Safe Families* initiative is designed to deconstruct the intergenerational cycle of violence and enhance protective factors through use of evidence-based programs and data-driven results.

*Safe Long Beach* places awareness and education at a high priority. Informed by research that shows that academic achievement can prevent youth violence, *Safe Schools* aims to increase the high school graduation rate and enhance safety in and around schools by targeting issues such as truancy and bullying.

Finally, *Safe Communities* focuses on creating an environment with caring and engaged neighbors that have ample access to employment, necessary resources, and safe spaces, inevitably leading to a safer community.



## CALL TO ACTION

Promote strong and supportive families, build positive youth development, and support community leadership.

The following programs and initiatives are a continuum of *Safe Long Beach*, and help to promote strong supportive families, build positive youth development, and support community leadership.



### MY SISTER'S KEEPER

The City has been awarded a three-year, \$1.5 million California Gang Reduction, Intervention, and Prevention Program (CalGRIP) grant. Titled *My Sister's Keeper*, the program will be aimed at preventing gang membership and gang victimization among at-risk females. The project will include a human trafficking awareness campaign, case management, mental health treatment, housing assistance, and mentorship.

### MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

In January 2015, the Long Beach City Council adopted a resolution supporting President Obama's initiative to build a *My Brother's Keeper* (MBK) Community to help close the opportunity gaps facing youth, and ensure that all young people are able to reach their full potential. This call to action encourages communities to implement strategies for improving the life outcomes of all young people, regardless of who they are, where they come from, or the circumstances to which they are born.

### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FORUM ON YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Long Beach has been selected as one of only 15 U.S. cities to join the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention and receive a grant aimed at preventing youth and gang violence. The designation provides technical assistance on behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), and enables the City to apply for additional federal grant awards for the implementation of *Safe Long Beach*.

### HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

The purpose of The Human Relations Commission is to provide a forum to achieve better human relations and promote goodwill among individuals, groups, and institutions in order to maintain civic pride and tranquility; and enhance and improve mutual understanding and respect for all citizens of the community.

For additional information on *Safe Long Beach*, go to [www.lbvpp.com](http://www.lbvpp.com).

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